

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

Thursday, 23 July 2026, 3:00 PM

Bienville House, 320 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

1. Call to Order, Roll Call & Guest Welcome / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS							
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve June 22 nd meeting notes	Approve 2026 mid-year budget adjustment, as presented	Approve termination of program manager consulting agreement, upon 30 days' written notice	Approve the 2026-27 State appropriations budget, as presented
Frank	Zumbo		X	-	-	-	-
Heidi	Raines		X	-	-	-	-
Sue	Klein	X		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Christine	Bondio	X		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jane	Cooper	X		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alex	Fein	X		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

GUESTS		
First	Last	Role
Michelle	Courseault	FQMD Executive Director
Shelby	Ursu	FQMD Coordinator
Glade	Bilby	FQMD Commissioner
Micah	Loewenthal	Resident

2. Approve previous meeting notes: June 2026

Christine Bondio made a motion to approve the June 22nd, 2026 Finance & Development Committee meeting notes. Sue Klein seconded the motion, and it was approved.

3. Public Comment

No written public comments were received.

4. Treasurer's Financials Report*

See attached document. Committee Chair Alex Fein reviewed the June Treasurer's Report with the Committee, noting that revisions to the report formatting have been applied, per the Committee's request.

5. New Business

a. Discussion of 2027 Staffing: Finance support position*

See attached documents.

The Committee discussed options for enhancing the organization's financial management capacity and reviewed a preliminary scope of services for additional finance support. Staff was directed to refine the proposed scope of services, develop a draft position description with comparable examples, and present the information to the Board of Commissioners for further discussion.

- b. Motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the 2026 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments, as presented, and to authorize the Treasurer and Executive Director to implement and administer the approved adjustments.

Ms. Bondio made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the 2026 mid-year budget adjustments, as presented, and to authorize the Treasurer and Executive Director to implement and administer the approved adjustments. Ms. Klein seconded the motion, and it was approved.

See attached document. The Committee reviewed the proposed 2026 mid-year budget adjustments. Staff provided updates regarding adjustments to accounting and legal services and reported that the Business Stabilization Fund allocation had been disbursed. An update on the initiative is expected at a future Board meeting.

- c. **Motion** to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the termination of the Program Manager Consulting Agreement with Robert Bejarano, upon thirty (30) days' written notice in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, and to authorize the Board Chair and Executive Director to execute the notice of termination.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the termination of the Program Manager Consulting Agreement with Robert Bejarano, upon thirty (30) days' written notice in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, and to authorize the Board Chair and Executive Director to execute the notice of termination. Ms. Bondio seconded the motion, and it was approved.

6. Informational Updates

a. Special Projects Manager – New Hire

The Committee received a staffing update regarding the Special Projects Manager position. Staff reported that the selected candidate has accepted the position and is expected to begin employment on August 10, 2026. Transition planning is underway to support continuity of operations.

b. 2025/26 State Appropriations Close-Out Report*

See attached document. Ms. Courseault presented the 2025-26 State Appropriations close-out report and the preliminary 2026-27 State Appropriations budget. The Committee reviewed the proposed funding framework and discussed anticipated funding priorities. Staff advised that additional financial information would be presented at a future Committee meeting to support continued budget development. **Ms. Cooper motioned to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the 2026-27 State appropriations budget, as presented by the Executive Director. Ms. Klein seconded the motion, and it was approved.**

c. Auditor Report (Completed)*

See attached document. Ms. Courseault stated that the 2025 auditor report has been completed.

d. Consultant Reports (Public Relations, Program Manager)*

See attached documents.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.

The next scheduled meeting date of the Committee is Thursday, September 24th, 2026, at 3 PM.

Treasurer's Report

French Quarter Management District
For the period ended June 30, 2026

Prepared on
July 15, 2026

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Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2026

	As of Jun 30, 2026	As of May 31, 2026 (PP)	Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
Appropriations	868,092.26		1,193,673.74
FQMA	71,791.61		71,658.98
FQMD general operating account	66,541.70		90,826.82
FQMD Patrol	673,834.29		542,660.20
Total Bank Accounts	1,680,259.86		1,898,819.74
Accounts Receivable			
Contract Receivable	75,000.00		14,093.50
Total Accounts Receivable	75,000.00		14,093.50
Other Current Assets			
Prepaid Expenses	22,506.26		19,542.22
Total Other Current Assets	22,506.26		19,542.22
Total Current Assets	1,777,766.12		1,932,455.46
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,777,766.12		\$1,932,455.46
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
Accounts Payable (A/P)	64,803.43		98,637.25
Total Accounts Payable	64,803.43		98,637.25
Other Current Liabilities			
Accrued payroll & payroll related	0.00		0.00
Retirement	884.16		3,983.96
Total Accrued payroll & payroll related	884.16		3,983.96
CEA Membership Dues	90,825.51		64,681.68
Total Other Current Liabilities	91,709.67		68,665.64
Total Current Liabilities	156,513.10		167,302.89
Total Liabilities	156,513.10		167,302.89
Equity			
Retained Earnings	497,070.95		497,070.95
Net Income	1,124,182.07		1,268,081.62
Total Equity	1,621,253.02		1,765,152.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,777,766.12		\$1,932,455.46

A/R Aging Summary

As of June 30, 2026

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	Total
New Orleans & Co	75,000.00					75,000.00
TOTAL	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00

A/P Aging Summary

As of June 30, 2026

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	Total
Bankcard Center	74.00					74.00
Bankcard Center (0499)	4,491.92					4,491.92
Capital City Press	1,150.00					1,150.00
Credence Construction LLC	9,700.00					9,700.00
DocuMart - Baronne St.		706.17				706.17
Glass Half Full	8,043.70					8,043.70
Jay Ginsberg	2,900.01					2,900.01
John Wyatte Foard, LLC	6,570.99					6,570.99
Omni IT Solutions LLC		408.80				408.80
Public Safety Services Corporation		17,475.00				17,475.00
Robert Bejarano		2,150.00				2,150.00
Uline	9,132.84					9,132.84
WWNO 89.9FM University of New Orleans	2,000.00					2,000.00
TOTAL	\$44,063.46	\$20,739.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64,803.43

Profit and Loss by Location

January - June, 2026

	FQEDD Admin	FQEDD Streetlight	FQMD Operating	OJP Byrne	Patrol	State 25-26	Total
INCOME							
Admin. Fees	82,888.05		150,000.00				232,888.05
Contract Revenue			8,043.70	448,426.87	600,000.00	1,250,000.00	2,306,470.57
FQMA Fiscal Agent Fee			1,676.07				1,676.07
Interest Income			12,043.49				12,043.49
Total Income	82,888.05	0.00	171,763.26	448,426.87	600,000.00	1,250,000.00	2,553,078.18
GROSS PROFIT	82,888.05	0.00	171,763.26	448,426.87	600,000.00	1,250,000.00	2,553,078.18
EXPENSES							
Operations Expenses							0.00
Administration							0.00
Bank Charges & Fees			338.09				338.09
Conferences and meetings			1,775.54				1,775.54
Insurance	18,424.80		1,399.38	2,424.00			22,248.18
Memberships			1,934.00				1,934.00
Mobile Data Charges (Telephone)			914.34				914.34
Office Supplies & Software	497.12		1,265.50	5,453.43		10,287.34	17,503.39
Parking			239.94				239.94
Rent	2,600.00		0.00			13,000.00	15,600.00
Travel			1,268.80				1,268.80
Utilities			1,899.57				1,899.57
Total Administration	21,521.92		11,035.16	7,877.43		23,287.34	63,721.85
Payroll Expenses							0.00
Employee Benefits			1,923.79	4,533.81			6,457.60
Payroll	42,272.00		27,096.37	20,283.38			89,651.75
Processing Fees			736.00				736.00
Retirement Investment			3,760.30				3,760.30
Taxes			7,037.73				7,037.73
Worker's Compensation			468.71				468.71

	FQEDD Admin	FQEDD Streetlight	FQMD Operating	OJP Byrne	Patrol	State 25-26	Total
Total Payroll Expenses	42,272.00		41,022.90	24,817.19			108,112.09
Professional Fees							0.00
Accounting Fees						18,411.00	18,411.00
Advertising / Marketing			767.08			29,880.00	30,647.08
Audit Fees						20,500.00	20,500.00
Legal Fees			4,659.51				4,659.51
Program / Project Manager	857.50		7,364.50	12,800.00		4,950.00	25,972.00
Website			391.20			390.00	781.20
Total Professional Fees	857.50		13,182.29	12,800.00		74,131.00	100,970.79
Total Operations Expenses	64,651.42		65,240.35	45,494.62		97,418.34	272,804.73
Services Rendered / Programming							0.00
Patrol Expenses - UQP/E				63,272.94		841,195.98	904,468.92
Public Safety							0.00
Public Safety Improvements		71,169.20				44,350.00	115,519.20
Traffic/Ped Safety						23,324.76	23,324.76
Transport Unit						12,451.74	12,451.74
Total Public Safety		71,169.20				80,126.50	151,295.70
Quality of Life							0.00
GHF Recycling						100,326.76	100,326.76
Total Quality of Life						100,326.76	100,326.76
Total Services Rendered / Programming		71,169.20		63,272.94		1,021,649.24	1,156,091.38
Total Expenses	64,651.42	71,169.20	65,240.35	108,767.56	0.00	1,119,067.58	1,428,896.11
NET OPERATING INCOME	18,236.63	-71,169.20	106,522.91	339,659.31	600,000.00	130,932.42	1,124,182.07
NET INCOME	\$18,236.63	\$ -71,169.20	\$106,522.91	\$339,659.31	\$600,000.00	\$130,932.42	\$1,124,182.07

French Quarter Management District

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

January - June, 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
Admin. Fees	232,888.05	300,000.00	-67,111.95	77.63 %
Contract Revenue	2,306,470.57	2,965,745.91	-659,275.34	77.77 %
FQMA Fiscal Agent Fee	1,676.07	2,000.00	-323.93	83.80 %
Interest Income	12,043.49	25,957.10	-13,913.61	46.40 %
Total Income	\$2,553,078.18	\$3,293,703.01	\$ -740,624.83	77.51 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,553,078.18	\$3,293,703.01	\$ -740,624.83	77.51 %
Expenses				
Operations Expenses				
Administration				
Bank Charges & Fees	338.09	200.00	138.09	169.05 %
Conferences and meetings	1,775.54	5,000.00	-3,224.46	35.51 %
Insurance	22,248.18	44,441.00	-22,192.82	50.06 %
Memberships	1,934.00	3,000.00	-1,066.00	64.47 %
Mobile Data Charges (Telephone)	914.34	8,060.00	-7,145.66	11.34 %
Office Supplies & Software	17,503.39	32,000.00	-14,496.61	54.70 %
Parking	239.94	1,000.00	-760.06	23.99 %
Rent	15,600.00	31,200.00	-15,600.00	50.00 %
Travel	1,268.80	5,800.00	-4,531.20	21.88 %
Utilities	1,899.57	3,000.85	-1,101.28	63.30 %
Total Administration	63,721.85	133,701.85	-69,980.00	47.66 %
Payroll Expenses	108,112.09	290,313.23	-182,201.14	37.24 %
Professional Fees				
Accounting Fees	18,411.00	32,000.00	-13,589.00	57.53 %
Advertising / Marketing	30,647.08	58,500.00	-27,852.92	52.39 %
Audit Fees	20,500.00	23,000.00	-2,500.00	89.13 %
Legal Fees	4,659.51	60,000.00	-55,340.49	7.77 %
Program / Project Manager	25,972.00		25,972.00	
Website	781.20	3,281.20	-2,500.00	23.81 %
Total Professional Fees	100,970.79	176,781.20	-75,810.41	57.12 %
Total Operations Expenses	272,804.73	600,796.28	-327,991.55	45.41 %
Services Rendered / Programming				
Patrol Expenses - UQP/E	904,468.92	1,865,000.00	-960,531.08	48.50 %
Public Safety		0.00	0.00	
Public Safety Improvements	115,519.20	50,000.00	65,519.20	231.04 %
Traffic/Ped Safety	23,324.76		23,324.76	
Transport Unit	12,451.74	60,000.00	-47,548.26	20.75 %
Total Public Safety	151,295.70	110,000.00	41,295.70	137.54 %
Quality of Life				
Bourbon Street Holiday Lights		50,000.00	-50,000.00	
GHF Recycling	100,326.76	158,500.00	-58,173.24	63.30 %
Total Quality of Life	100,326.76	208,500.00	-108,173.24	48.12 %

French Quarter Management District

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

January - June, 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Total Services Rendered / Programming	1,156,091.38	2,183,500.00	-1,027,408.62	52.95 %
Total Expenses	\$1,428,896.11	\$2,784,296.28	\$ -1,355,400.17	51.32 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$1,124,182.07	\$509,406.73	\$614,775.34	220.68 %
NET INCOME	\$1,124,182.07	\$509,406.73	\$614,775.34	220.68 %

Note

"Budget" represents the annual budget.

Budget vs. Actuals_Budget_FY26_P&L__Report

January 1-June 30, 2026

Mid Year Budget Adjustments, 7/2026		TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET BY	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Income				
Admin. Fees	232,888.05	300,000.00	-67,111.95	77.63 %
Contract Revenue	2,306,470.57	2,458,500.00	-152,029.43	93.82 %
FQMA Fiscal Agent Fee	1,676.07	2,000.00	-323.93	83.8 %
Interest Income	12,043.49	25,957.10	-13,913.61	46.4 %
Total for Income	\$2,553,078.18	\$2,786,457.10	-\$233,378.92	91.62 %
Cost of Goods Sold				
Gross Profit	\$2,553,078.18	\$2,786,457.10	-\$233,378.92	91.62 %
Expenses				
Operations Expenses				
Administration				
Bank Charges & Fees	322.31	200.00	122.31	161.16 %
\$10k Conferences and meetings	1,775.54	15,000.00	-13,224.46	11.84 %
Insurance	22,248.18	44,441.00	-22,192.82	50.06 %
Memberships	1,934.00	3,000.00	-1,066.00	64.47 %
Mobile Data Charges (Telephone)	914.34	8,060.00	-7,145.66	11.34 %
Office Supplies & Software	17,458.77	32,000.00	-14,541.23	54.56 %
Parking	239.94	1,000.00	-760.06	23.99 %
Rent	15,600.00	31,200.00	-15,600.00	50.0 %
Travel	1,268.80	5,800.00	-4,531.20	21.88 %
Utilities	1,899.57	3,000.85	-1,101.28	63.3 %
Total for Administration	\$63,661.45	\$143,701.85	-\$80,040.40	44.3 %
Payroll Expenses				
Employee Benefits	6,884.18	14,593.38	-7,709.20	47.17 %
\$39k Payroll	89,225.17	291,867.50	-202,642.33	30.57 %
Processing Fees	736.00	1,312.00	-576.00	56.1 %
Retirement Investment	3,760.30	5,456.03	-1,695.73	68.92 %
Taxes	7,037.73	14,333.61	-7,295.88	49.1 %
Worker's Compensation	468.71	1,751.21	-1,282.50	26.76 %
Total for Payroll Expenses	\$108,112.09	\$329,313.73	-\$221,201.64	32.83 %
Professional Fees				
\$32k Accounting Fees	18,411.00	25,000.00	-6,589.00	73.64 %
Advertising / Marketing	30,633.48	58,500.00	-27,866.52	52.36 %
\$2500 Audit Fees	20,500.00	25,000.00	-4,500.00	82.0 %
Legal Fees	4,659.51	20,000.00	-15,340.49	23.3 %
Program / Project Manager	25,972.00		25,972.00	
\$2500 Website	781.20	5,000.00	-4,218.80	15.62 %
Total for Professional Fees	\$100,957.19	\$133,500.00	-\$32,542.81	75.62 %
Total for Operations Expenses	\$272,730.73	\$606,515.58	-\$333,784.85	44.97 %

Budget vs. Actuals_Budget_FY26_P&L__Report

January 1-June 30, 2026

TOTAL				
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET BY	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Services Rendered / Programming				
Patrol Expenses - UQP/E	904,468.92	1,865,000.00	-960,531.08	48.5 %
Public Safety		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Safety Improvements	115,519.20	50,000.00	65,519.20	231.04 %
Traffic/Ped Safety	23,324.76		23,324.76	
Transport Unit	12,451.74	60,000.00	-47,548.26	20.75 %
Total for Public Safety	\$151,295.70	\$110,000.00	\$41,295.70	137.54 %
Quality of Life				
GHF Recycling	100,326.76	79,249.98	21,076.78	126.6 %
Bourbon Street Holiday Lights		50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.0 %
Total for Quality of Life	\$100,326.76	\$129,249.98	-\$28,923.22	77.62 %
Total for Services Rendered / Programming	\$1,156,091.38	\$2,104,249.98	-\$948,158.60	54.94 %
Total for Expenses	\$1,428,822.11	\$2,710,765.56	-\$1,281,943.45	52.71 %
Net Operating Income	\$1,124,256.07	\$75,691.54	\$1,048,564.53	1485.31 %
Other Income				
Other Expenses				
Net Other Income				
Net Income	\$1,124,256.07	\$75,691.54	\$1,048,564.53	1485.31 %

Mid Year Budget Adjustments, 7/2026, as follows:

1. CONFERENCES to \$5,000
2. PAYROLL to \$252,867
3. ACCOUNTING to \$32,000
4. AUDIT to \$23,000
5. LEGAL to \$60,000
6. WEBSITE to \$3,281.20

The above adjustments reflect approved budget changes to accommodate for increases to:

a)Legal Counsel and b)Accounting

7. Increase CONTRACT REVENUE to \$2,965,745.91 -
This adjustment reflects a correction to Income, by NOCO.

8. Expense line added- FQ Business Stabilization Fund (\$100k) by 6/22/26 board approval.

2026-27 State Appropriations Budget			
Summary		\$ 600,000.00	Notes
	Ops	\$ (160,000)	Recycling +Accounting (\$10k)
	Mayor's Quality of Life	\$ (440,000)	LSP (\$400k) = 10% contingency (\$40k)
TOTAL	(600,000.00)		



French Quarter

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Submittal to
Louisiana Department of Treasury

Q3 Cost Report

Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Line-Item Appropriations

25 June 2026



on behalf of Christine Bondio

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For Q3 (January through March 2026), the French Quarter Management District has disbursed the following funds in compliance with the 2025/2026 Line-Items Appropriation Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and is asking for reimbursement from the State:

Gross Salaries

John Wyatte Foard, Accountant: \$6,545.62

Related Benefits – NA

Travel – NA

Operating Services

Front Row Center, Advertising: \$9,800.00

RICOH, Printer Rental: \$357.33

Omni IT Solutions, Internet Service: \$2,579.38

DLBF Marketplace/SS, Office Rent: \$7,800.00

Professional Services

Public Security Services, Supplemental Security: \$275,048.78

Glass Half Full, Supplemental Sanitation: \$16,087.40

Other Charges – NA

Acquisitions & Major Repairs – NA

Q3 Total Reimbursement: **\$318,218.51**



on behalf of Christine Bondio

ATTACHMENT D

**Act 1 of the 2025 RLS Schedule 20
French Quarter Management District**

Progress Report for the Period Ending:

31-Mar-26

EXPENSE CATEGORY	Line Item Appropriation from Attachment B,	Q3 Quarterly Expenditures	Total Cumulative Year to Date Expenditures	Balance Remaining
Gross Salaries	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 6,545.62	\$ 17,073.65	\$ 32,926.35
Related Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Services	\$ 126,482.00	\$ 20,536.71	\$ 70,346.46	\$ 56,135.54
Professional Services	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 291,136.18	\$ 389,398.38	\$ 560,601.62
Other Charges	\$ 123,518.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,518.00
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 318,218.51	\$ 476,818.49	\$ 773,181.51

NOTE: Proof of payment (copy of check or statement) and invoice/receipt for each expenditure must be submitted with this report.


on behalf of Christine Bondio

☐ Approve **X *Provide Feedback*** ☐ Receive & File

Purpose

Evaluate whether FQMD would benefit from adding a Part-Time Finance Director or Fractional CFO to strengthen financial management while retaining the current Accountant.

Background:

- Board leadership requested evaluation of financial management models.
- Research compared a Part-Time Finance Director and Fractional CFO.
- Review included organizational responsibilities, market compensation, governance, and industry benchmarks.

Key Findings:

- Part-Time Finance Director: \$50–85/hour (planning budget: up to \$85,000)
- Fractional CFO: \$90–150/hour
- Both models strengthen financial oversight while maintaining the current accounting function.

Committee Discussion:

Discuss whether FQMD should add financial management capacity through a Part-Time Finance Director or Fractional CFO while maintaining the current Accountant, and provide guidance regarding the preferred model.

Fiscal Impact:

- No immediate fiscal impact.
- 2026 Administrative & Operational Expenses: 22%
- 2027 Proposed (if implemented): 26%, remaining within commonly recognized nonprofit benchmarks (25–35%).

Reference Materials: *(attached)*

- Evaluation of Financial Management Structure (7 pages)

Evaluation of Financial Management Structure

Board Leadership Discussion

Purpose:

As FQMD has grown in budget size, funding complexity of both grant administration and increased financial reporting requirements, Board leadership requested research into organizational models to strengthen the organization's financial management capacity.

Finance & Development Committee Vice Chair suggested exploring a Fractional Chief Financial Officer (CFO). At the direction of the current Board Chair, the research was expanded to compare that model with a Part-Time Finance Director.

FUNDING COMPLEXITY			
Multiple funding sources. Different reporting cadences. Significant budgets.			
DATES	FUNDING SOURCE	REPORTING CADENCE	BUDGET
2015 - Current	(CITY) FQEDD French Quarter Economic Development District (Sales Tax)	Quarterly Presentations (To Board Committees) (2015 - Current)	\$4M
2019 - Current	NOCO New Orleans & Co (Tourism Support)	Monthly (To New Orleans & Co) (2019 - Current)	\$1.35M
2023 - Current	(STATE) APPROPRIATIONS Louisiana State Appropriations	Quarterly + Annual Report (To State) (2023 - Current)	\$600K - \$1.25M (Varies by Year)
2025 - Current	(STATE) KEEP LA BEAUTIFUL Grant Program	Semi-Annual Report (To Keep Louisiana Beautiful) (2025 - Current)	\$8,500
2025 - Current	(FEDERAL) DOJ BYRNE Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program	Semi-Annual Report (To U.S. Department of Justice) (2025 - Current)	\$945K



Managing multiple funding sources with different reporting cadences and requirements increases the need for financial oversight and timely reporting.

This discussion brief is provided for Board leadership's consideration and potential review by the Finance & Development Committee.

Evaluation of Financial Management Structure

Board Leadership Discussion

Part-Time Finance Director

Working under the direction of the Executive Director, the Finance Director would provide financial management, planning, reporting, and compliance while the Accountant continues responsibility for day-to-day accounting operations.

Financial Leadership Model Comparison

<i>Category</i>	<i>Fractional CFO</i>	<i>Part-Time Finance Director</i>
Primary Focus	Executive financial strategy	Financial management & implementation
Board Relationship	Advises executive leadership	Supports ED; attends meetings as requested
Budget Development	Strategic review	Develops and monitors budgets
Grant Management	Oversight	Primary responsibility
Board Reports	Reviews	Prepares
Audit	Executive oversight	Coordinates
Internal Controls	Strategic guidance	Develops and monitors
Typical Hours	10–20/week	15–20/week
Typical Hourly Rate	\$90–150/hr	\$50–85/hr
Estimated Annual Cost	~\$47k–156k	~\$39k–88k

Estimated Organizational Cost

<i>Structure</i>	<i>Estimated Annual Cost</i>
Current Accountant	\$25,000
Accountant + Part-Time Finance Director (Planning Target)	Up to ~\$85,000
Accountant + Higher-End Part-Time Finance Director	~\$95,000–113,000
Full-Time Finance Director (Replaces Accountant)	~\$90,000–130,000 salary + benefits
Fractional CFO + Accountant	~\$115,000–181,000

Governance

The Executive Director remains the Board of Commissioners' primary point of contact and retains responsibility for the organization's financial leadership, budget recommendations, funding strategy, and implementation of Board policy.

The Finance Director serves as a part-time management resource operating under the direction of the Executive Director, providing financial management, reporting, compliance, and technical expertise in support of the Executive Director's leadership.

Evaluation of Financial Management Structure

Board Leadership Discussion

The Accountant continues to perform the organization's day-to-day accounting and transactional functions.

Alternate Organizational Model

Based on the research, maintaining the current contracted Accountant and adding a Part-Time Finance Director to strengthen financial management while preserving continuity of accounting operations is better suited for the organization's needs at this time. This phased approach limits the organization's annual finance investment to approximately \$85,000 and allows FQMD to evaluate its long-term staffing needs before considering a full-time position. Given the additional cost and operational transition required, it is not recommended to replace the contracted Accountant with a full-time Finance Director at this time. That option could be reconsidered during the FY2028 budget development process, as needed.

Market Research Summary

Research reviewed comparable nonprofit, governmental, and public-sector positions. Part-Time Finance Directors generally ranged from \$50–85/hour, while Fractional CFO engagements generally ranged from \$90–150/hour. For planning purposes, this discussion assumes a Part-Time Finance Director budget of up to \$85,000 annually, for a combined finance function investment of approximately \$105,000 including the current Accountant.

Evaluation of Financial Management Structure

Board Leadership Discussion

APPENDIX A: Organizational Structure

Executive Director – Organizational Leadership & Financial Stewardship

- Primary relationship with the Board of Commissioners.
- Overall financial leadership and stewardship.
- Develops and recommends the annual operating budget.
- Establishes funding strategies across all revenue sources.
- Presents financial recommendations to the Board.
- Directs implementation of Board-approved financial objectives.
- Overall accountability for the organization's financial performance.

Accountant – Transactional Accounting

- Bookkeeping and general ledger.
- Payroll.
- Accounts payable and receivable.
- Bank reconciliations.
- Monthly financial statements.
- Transaction processing.
- Audit support.
- Financial record maintenance.

Part time Finance Director

- Budget administration and financial forecasting.
- State appropriations, City grants, Cooperative Endeavor Agreements, and New Orleans & Company financial management.
- Grant compliance, reimbursement requests, and external financial reporting.
- Monthly Board and committee financial reports and dashboards.
- Project-specific financial analyses.
- Annual audit coordination and internal controls.
- Review of accounting reports prepared by the Accountant.
- Attendance at Board and committee meetings, at the direction of the Executive Director, to present technical financial information and respond to questions.

Evaluation of Financial Management Structure

Board Leadership Discussion

Appendix B: Market Rate Data — Postings Researched

All figures below are drawn directly from live job postings researched in July 2026 (Fractional Pulse, Idealist.org). Where a posting listed an annual salary rather than an hourly rate, the effective hourly range is calculated from the disclosed weekly hours.

Fractional CFO Postings

Organization	Hours/Wk	Pay (as posted)	Effective Hourly
SecureCare, Inc.	~10	\$100–\$150/hr	\$100–\$150/hr (direct)
Live4Lali	Not disclosed	\$40–\$50/hr	\$40–\$50/hr (direct)
Borough of Stone Harbor (public entity)	Not disclosed	\$72,000–\$99,000/yr	Not calculable (hours undisclosed)
Business Aviation Group (Controller)	Not disclosed	\$90–\$150/hr	\$90–\$150/hr (direct)

Finance Director / Controller Postings

Organization	Hours/Wk	Pay (as posted)	Effective Hourly
NEXT Harm Reduction (Fiscal Director)	20–25	\$90,000–\$100,000/yr	~\$69–\$96/hr (calculated)
Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (Finance Director)	24–32	\$78,704–\$104,939/yr	~\$47–\$84/hr (calculated)
TGG Accounting (Part-Time Controller)	~20	\$50–\$75/hr	\$50–\$75/hr (direct)
Sullivan Management & Consulting Group (Part-Time Controller)	Not disclosed	\$40–\$65/hr	\$40–\$65/hr (direct)
Your Part-Time Controller LLC (nonprofit, FT or PT)	35 (FT base; PT available)	\$100,000–\$135,000/yr	~\$55–\$74/hr (calculated)

Evaluation of Financial Management Structure

Board Leadership Discussion

Appendix C: Administrative & Operational Expense Benchmarks

Nationally recognized nonprofit accountability organizations generally identify administrative and fundraising expenses in the **range of approximately 25%–35% of total expenditures** as consistent with accepted financial management practices.

<i>Organization / Standard</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>	<i>Primary Source</i>
CharityWatch	≤25% overhead	CharityWatch – Our Charity Rating Process
Charity Navigator	≈30% historical benchmark; now evaluates organizational effectiveness beyond overhead ratios	Charity Navigator – Giving 101: Overhead
BBB Wise Giving Alliance	≤35% management & fundraising	BBB Wise Giving Alliance – Standards for Charity Accountability
Federal Uniform Guidance (2 CFR §200.414)	15% de minimis indirect cost rate (Modified Total Direct Costs) or negotiated actual indirect cost rate	Uniform Guidance (2 CFR §200.414)

References:

BBB Wise Giving Alliance. Standards for Charity Accountability. <https://give.org/bbb-standards-for-charity-accountability>

CharityWatch. Our Charity Rating Process. <https://www.charitywatch.org/about-charitywatch/our-charity-rating-process>

Charity Navigator. Giving 101: Overhead. <https://www.charitynavigator.org/donor-basics/giving-101/Overhead/>

Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR §200.414 – Indirect (F&A) Costs. <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/part-200/section-200.414>

Exhibit A: Scope of Duties

The ("Accountant"), John Wyatte Foard, LLC, shall provide the following financial management services to the French Quarter Management District ("FQMD"):

Existing Responsibilities

- Maintain all bookkeeping functions, including payroll processing, vendor bill entry, and cash disbursements for approved payments.
- Record and classify revenue and expense transactions in QuickBooks.
- Perform monthly reconciliations of all bank accounts and other balance sheet accounts.
- Prepare and distribute monthly financial statements and supporting schedules for management and the Finance Committee.
- Support annual audit preparation, including reconciliation maintenance and documentation.
- Perform miscellaneous and sundry financial management tasks, including:
 - Communicating with vendors and the French Quarter Management Association (FQMA) regarding payment issues (e.g., Public Service).
 - Providing comments and financial insight on incoming communications from outside organizations (e.g., insurance matters).
 - Uploading invoices and supporting documentation to the City's BRASS system.

Expanded Responsibilities

Contract Monitoring

- Track spending versus approved purchase orders related to programmatic contracts (e.g., streetlight repairs).

Grant and Fund Tracking

- Track grant-related revenues and expenditures to demonstrate how funds received are being utilized.
- Track remaining grant and fund balances.
- Provide explanations for financial shifts, timing variances, and budget-to-actual differences.

Grant Documentation and Reimbursement

- Collect expense documentation and prepare monthly reimbursement packages, where applicable, to recover funds owed to FQMD.
- Collect and prepare grant reporting schedules related to compliance requirements, as required.

Committee and Board Reporting Support

- Provide requested project-specific financial data and supporting analysis to the Executive Director for presentation to the Board of Commissioners and Board committees.



Job Title: Executive Director, French Quarter Management District (FQMD)

Reports to: FQMD Board of Commissioners

Agency Overview: The French Quarter Management District (FQMD) is a state political subdivision created by the Louisiana Legislature as a means for the residential and business communities to work together to protect, preserve, and maintain the world-famous French Quarter as a safe, clean, vibrant, and friendly neighborhood.

The FQMD is governed by a 13-member Board of Commissioners, all of whom live or work full-time in the French Quarter and collectively represent the perspectives, voices, and needs of the French Quarter's visitors, residents, businesses, and employees. The FQMD works to:

- Improve public safety, foster quality experiences, and enhance quality of life within the District
- Improve commercial and residential vitality
- Strengthen the District as a vital component of Louisiana's tourism industry
- Aid in the preservation of the District's architecture, quaint charm, and tout ensemble
- Beautify the District's appearance

Job Description:

The Executive Director will be responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership in conducting the business of the FQMD and pushing its projects forward and for interfacing with key stakeholders (including but not limited to FQMD Commissioners, public officials, policymakers, police, industry and tourism leaders, business owners, and residents) to inform, collaborate, and gain consensus around FQMD initiatives and to help drive meaningful and measurable program outcomes.

A sample of the Executive Director's specific responsibilities is included below.

Strategic Responsibilities:

- Develop, articulate, and champion the FQMD's legislative purpose with stakeholders.
- Develop an Annual Strategic Action Plan, with input from FQMD's Committees, that details organizational objectives, goals, and a corresponding action plan for the upcoming year



- Document the activities and achievements of the FQMD over the preceding year
- Cultivate relationships and advocate for FQMD initiatives with community, government, industry, and residential stakeholders
- Interface with local/state government to identify policy/laws that affect the FQ and ensure that FQMD's voice is heard.
- Work with partners and stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation, management, and expansion of FQMD programs
- Develop, implement, refine, and manage systems for the collection, analysis, and reporting of data on the FQMD's programs and outcomes
- Oversee public relations and marketing efforts to improve FQMD visibility and raise public awareness of the organization

Management & Administrative Responsibilities:

- Coordinate and attend all FQMD Board, Committee, and Task Force meetings
- Keep detailed minutes of FQMD meetings and share notes with Commissioners as necessary
- Serve as the Board's central hub, coordinating across various committees and task forces to integrate their action items and facilitate satisfactory outcomes
- Manage and coordinate FQMD staff, vendors, contractors, and volunteers to align their duties and contributions with FQMD outcomes
- Tutor new FQMD Board members and employees on the FQMD's bylaws and enabling legislation and applicable state laws
- Oversee the recruitment, hiring, supervision, evaluation, and employment termination of any FQMD employees
- Manage the FQMD and its office and website

Fiscal and Fundraising Responsibilities:

- Develop annual budget(s) for Board approval
- Manage the FQMD's budget and finances and supervise annual audits
- Develop and implement short- and long-term funding and sustainability strategies
- Solicit and obtain required funding from diverse sources, including government contracts and allocations, foundation grants, and/or individual and corporate donations
- Oversee the fulfillment of funding obligations and the preparation of funding reports



- Oversee the production and maintenance of high-quality communications materials to be used for both fundraising and general marketing/PR (letters, brochures, website, etc.)

Qualifications:

- A minimum of 3 years leadership experience with a Commission, Board and/or Agency, 5 years preferred
- Bachelor's degree in public administration, Business Administration or a related field.
- Financial skills, including budget preparation, analysis and reporting
- Government affairs and advocacy skills to engage elected officials and agency staff
- Computer skills, including QuickBooks, Microsoft Office and Excel
- Excellent communication skills (written, verbal and public speaking) and interpersonal skills, demonstrating the ability to work with and build trust across diverse stakeholders
- Work efficiently with minimal supervision
- Strong organizational, multi-tasking, time management and analytical skills with attention to detail and accuracy
- Must be able to maneuver in an office. Must be able to sit or stand for extended periods of time, bend, stoop, reach, kneel, crouch, twist, lift, push, pull and grip items when necessary. May occasionally lift up to 30 pounds, push, pull or move items weighing up to 30 pounds.
- Manual dexterity is essential
- A criminal background check may be required of all selected applicants.

Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Benefits include health insurance, paid time off, and paid holidays.

Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Cbondio61@gmail.com with the subject line "Executive Director." The deadline to apply is September 18, 2024.

FRENCH QUARTER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2025



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
French Quarter Management District
New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the French Quarter Management District (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the French Quarter Management District, as of December 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.



To the Board of Commissioners
French Quarter Management District
June 23, 2026

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



To the Board of Commissioners
French Quarter Management District
June 23, 2026

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance - budget to actual be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise of the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head is presented to comply with the Act 706 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislative Session, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



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To the Board of Commissioners
French Quarter Management District
June 23, 2026

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 23, 2026 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the French Quarter Management District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

June 23, 2026
New Orleans, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP

Certified Public Accountants

French Quarter

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

July 16, 2026

To: Executive Director
French Quarter Management District
400 North Peters Street, Suite 206
New Orleans, LA 70130

Subject: **Program Manager End of Month Report – June 2026**

The following work priorities identified between the FQMD Program Manager and the FQMD Executive Director at the beginning of June 2026 were reprioritized at mid-month. Status at end of the month for all priorities as follows:

PRIORITY 1. End of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Q4 State Spend Down. *PgM Note: This priority was redesignated at mid-month as top priority to meet deliverable deadline to Louisiana Department of Treasury by 15JUL.*

Public Safety Improvements: State of Louisiana (\$10K).

Specific Tasks: Get quote, hire out for JUNE installation replacing all flex posts on Rampart St (or however many \$10k will cover). *The original installation sub-contractor (Credence Construction) was re-hired as primary contractor to conduct the replacement of approximately 28 Flex posts for \$9,700, with 8 of those flex posts replacing the shorter city-installed flex posts on the bike lane side between Louis Armstrong Park and Barracks Street, effectively connecting the 2024 Rampart project area to the intersection of Treme, Marigny and the St. Roch bike lane connector with uniform high-visibility, high-reflective safety devices. Work scheduled for last week in June to be closed out early next month.*

Quality of Life: State of Louisiana (\$15K).

Specific Tasks: ID how many pedestrian crossing signs, flex posts for Esplanade, Decatur, N. Peters. Get invoice for JUNE purchase (to max \$15k budget). *An estimate was completed by type of device and materials, provided to ED and were ordered through ULINE, pending delivery. PgM Note: some hours should be dedicated to establishing a short list of rapid contact vendors, establishing procurement accounts and verifying/validating payment mechanisms for each account to facilitate rapid response procurement in moments of crisis or immediate need.*

Service Hours Supporting PRIORITY 1: **29 hours**

PRIORITY 2. French Quarter Right of Way Design Guidelines Solicitation State of Louisiana (\$50K)

Specific Task: Draft scope and send to ED. *Scope of work development was placed on hold at mid-month. Currently scrubbing the City of Tacoma Right of Way Design Guide documents as case study and template development.*

Service Hours Supporting PRIORITY 2: **18 hours**

PRIORITY 3. Annual Street Markings 2026 FQEDD 2025 (\$110K) *PgM Note: Please no more use of "Phase II" language on internal or especially external documents for an annual maintenance and repair program. Under most state contracting laws, using a phased approach without a complete project buildout being defined and financed wholly can be received as incremental project development and is a prosecutable criminal offense. This is specifically true at the federal level, with many court cases holding individuals and organizations liable. Court penalties have included probation, monetary fines and jail time for individuals and stiff fines, probationary periods and even dissolution of certain agencies or organizations entirely.*

Subject: Program Manager's End of the Month Update – June 2026

Specific Task: Outline procurement process. *I have recommended we go with an informal solicitation with the current vendor in accordance with State legislation to close out this effort. A decision by the board that we will be pursuing a full-blown request for proposal advertisement. This course of action will require additional administrative hours to shift procurement methodology.*

Specific Task: Draft contract scope. *Completed and reviewed by Antonio, forwarded final copy to ED and incorporated into publishable solicitation for advertisement.*

Specific Task: Send draft to ED; cc: Antonio for review before presentation to committee in June. *Partially completed. June presentation was not possible due to illness. Solicitation is currently under legal review by new legal counsel.*

Service Hours Supporting PRIORITY 3: 12 hours

PRIORITY 4. Curb and Traffic Signage Program

Specific Task: Outline procurement process with \$5k Budget Assessment: Outline expense for State Law signs on Esplanade. *Signage price estimates provided, recommend "small purchase with credit card" in accordance with State Public Bid Law procedures. This project was placed on hold at mid-month.*

Specific Task: Draft contract scope (Flex posts, State Law signs). *An initial scope of work to address possible locations was placed on hold at mid-month to address other priorities.*

Specific Task: Send draft to ED; cc: Antonio for review before presentation to committee in June. *SCOPE OF WORK NOT COMPLETED, ALL WORK ON HOLD. SUSPENSE DATE HAS PASSED.*

Service Hours Supporting PRIORITY 4: 4 hours

PRIORITY 5. All Other Programs, Critical Projects, and Ongoing Collaborative Efforts

Specific Task: Review State and Byrne grant receipts reporting, with ED before submission. *Q3 State and final Byrne to be prepared by Sam and reviewed by PgM. Forwarded to ED for signatures. Q4/End of FY26 report pending draft from Sam.*

Service Hours Supporting PRIORITY 5: 12 hours

The above priorities with associated support hours are being provided as a courtesy to the FQMD and are not a contracted requirement under the current agreement.

Total Billable Service Hours Directly Supporting FQMD for month of June 2026: 75 hours



Robert Bejarano

FQMD Program Manager



French Quarter Management District 2026 Media Coverage

July 8, 2026

June

June Media Mentions

WDSU — June 29, 2026 ([media mention](#))

Police drones could soon respond to 911 calls in French Quarter before officers arrive

- <https://www.wdsu.com/article/police-drones-could-soon-respond-to-911-calls-in-french-quarter-before-officers-arrive/71684104>
- [Facebook](#)

WDSU — June 29, 2026 ([media mention](#))

New Orleans now accepting applications for grants for French Quarter businesses impacted by construction

- <https://www.wdsu.com/article/new-orleans-french-quarter-construction-grant-program-opens/71771911>
-  New Orleans now accepting applications for grants for French Quarter businesses impacte...

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — June 26, 2026 ([media mention](#))

New focus on Decatur street woes is welcome, say businesses, though some question if it's enough

- https://www.nola.com/news/french-quarter-businesses-discuss-new-orleans-relief-efforts/article_e_da904e89-10b9-46d1-b5f0-66104ee1d79c.html
- [Facebook](#)

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — June 25, 2026 ([media mention](#))

New Orleans announces new details on plan to help French Quarter businesses harmed by construction

- https://www.nola.com/news/business/french-quarter-construction-business-relief/article_e1963bae-d96f-4256-812b-af867c299fa7.amp.html
- [Facebook](#)

Axios New Orleans — June 25, 2026 ([media mention](#))

Officials offer lifeline to struggling French Quarter businesses

- <https://www.axios.com/local/new-orleans/2026/06/25/french-quarter-business-grants-construction-marketing>
- Included in 6/26 Axios New Orleans [morning newsletter](#).

New Orleans CityBusiness — June 25, 2026 ([media mention](#))

City launches French Quarter business relief fund

- <https://neworleanscitybusiness.com/blog/2026/06/25/new-orleans-french-quarter-business-relief-fund/>
- Included in 6/25 CityBusiness [newsletter](#).

WWL Radio — June 25, 2026 ([media mention](#))

Moreno's \$200,000 fund for businesses struggling amid extended French Quarter construction opens Monday

- <https://www.audacy.com/wwl/news/local/french-quarter>

City of New Orleans — June 24, 2026 ([media mention](#))

City Announces New Business Stabilization Fund for French Quarter Businesses Affected by Lower Decatur & St. Peter St. SWBNO Construction Project

- <https://nola.gov/next/mayors-office/news/articles/june-2026/2026-06-24-new-fund-for-french-quarter-businesses-affected-by-swbno-construction-project/>
- [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — June 24, 2026 ([media mention](#))

Mayor Helena Moreno pledges grants for French Quarter businesses harmed by street closure

- https://www.nola.com/news/road-work-lower-decatur-grant-helena-moreno/article_e1f2a695-e20c-449d-a544-a0815ead0085.html
- [Facebook](#)

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — June 24, 2026 ([media mention](#))

New Orleans announces new details on plan to help French Quarter businesses harmed by construction

- https://www.nola.com/news/business/french-quarter-construction-business-relief/article_e1963bae-d96f-4256-812b-af867c299fa7.html
- Included in standalone 6/24 News Alert email blast and 6/25 Wake Up NOLA newsletter.
- [Facebook](#)

FOX 8 — June 24, 2026 ([media mention](#))

New Orleans mayor unveils aid plan for businesses struggling from French Quarter construction

- <https://www.fox8live.com/2026/06/24/new-orleans-mayor-unveils-aid-plan-businesses-struggling-french-quarter-construction/>

WWL-TV — June 24, 2026 ([media mention](#))

City rolls out \$200K relief fund to help businesses hurt by Decatur Street construction

- <https://www.wwltv.com/article/news/local/orleans/new-200k-fund-aims-to-help-french-quarter-businesses-hurt-by-decatur-street-construction-new-orleans/289-874adeb0-615e-4aad-821d-9f02bba35241>
- [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

Gambit (NOLA.com) — June 24, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans Mayor Helena Moreno announces relief for lower Decatur Street businesses

- https://www.nola.com/gambit/news/politics_elections/new-orleans-mayor-helena-moreno-announces-relief-for-lower-decatur-street-businesses/article_88b63e66-d5c5-4030-9ff8-8ac8c55c7eee.html
- Included in 6/25 [Gambit newsletter](#).
- [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

WWL Radio — June 22, 2026 (media mention)

Mayor Helena Moreno to announce grants for businesses impacted by S&WB project on Decatur Street

- <https://www.audacy.com/wwl/news/local/helena-moreno-2677073795>

WDSU — June 22, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans to launch grant program to aid French Quarter businesses impacted by construction

- <https://www.wdsu.com/article/new-orleans-grant-program-aid-french-quarter-businesses/71668049>
-  New Orleans to launch grant program to aid French Quarter businesses impacted by const...

June Curated Coverage

FOX 8 — June 30, 2026 (curated coverage)

French Quarter Task Force App interview

- <https://www.fox8live.com/video/2026/06/30/french-quarter-task-force-app/>
-  FOX 8 App 6.30

WDSU — June 24, 2026 (curated coverage)

Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office gets new patrol golf cart for French Quarter

- <https://www.wdsu.com/article/orleans-parish-sheriff-s-office-receives-new-patrol-golf-cart-for-french-quarter/71718201>
-  WDSU Task Force App 6.24

WGNO — June 24, 2026 (curated coverage)

Coverage of new patrol vehicle

- Covered in live broadcast, not uploaded to website or YouTube channel.

OPSO/COPS 8 — June 24, 2026 (curated coverage)

Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office/COPS 8 coverage of new patrol vehicle

- [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

New Orleans CityBusiness — *June 22, 2026* ([curated coverage](#))

French Quarter Management District updates safety app for residents, visitors

- <https://neworleanscitybusiness.com/blog/2026/06/22/french-quarter-safety-app-update/>
- Included in [6/22 newsletter](#).
- [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

Biz New Orleans — *June 22, 2026* ([curated coverage](#))

French Quarter Task Force App Updated

- <https://bizneworleans.com/french-quarter-task-force-app-updated/>
- Included in [6/22 newsletter](#).
- [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#)

OPSO/COPS 8 — *June 17, 2026* ([curated coverage](#))

Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office/COPS 8 coverage of French Quarter Task Force app

- [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

May

May Media Mentions

The Times-Picayune | [NOLA.com](https://www.nola.com) — *May 19, 2026 (media mention)*

Letters: Fading bike lane designations create safety hazard on our streets

- https://www.nola.com/opinions/letters/letters-bike-lanes-new-orleans-safety/article_efc26142-2182-40f9-9951-8712f7d27e81.html

The Times-Picayune | [NOLA.com](https://www.nola.com) — *May 5, 2026 (media mention)*

Letters: Cyclists need to pay attention to surroundings

- https://www.nola.com/opinions/letters/letters-cycling-safety-new-orleans/article_7939599f-feb-d-4cb4-bf03-7bece4e900b5.html

April

April Curated Coverage

FOX 8 — April 13, 2026 (curated coverage)

French Quarter Fest Safety (FQ Management District)

- <https://www.fox8live.com/video/2026/04/13/french-quarter-fest-safety-fq-management-district>

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — April 2, 2026 (curated coverage)

Can French Quarter bars start recycling their many empty bottles? A new program will help.

- https://www.nola.com/news/environment/trash-recycling-new-orleans-bars-french-quarter-food-drink/article_8fdff6d2-22c7-45d9-a08a-484bf94a0a5b.html
- Included in 4/2 Lunch Line newsletter.
- Included in 4/6 print Metro section.
- [Facebook](#), [Facebook Wake Up NOLA Reel](#), [NOLA.com Instagram](#), [NOLA.com Wake Up NOLA Reel](#), [Glass Half Full Instagram](#)

New Orleans Magazine — April 1, 2026 (curated coverage)

French Quarter Management District Launches Commercial Glass Recycling Program

- <https://www.myneworleans.com/french-quarter-management-district-launches-commercial-glass-recycling-program/>
- Included in 4/1 New Orleans magazine newsletter.

NOLA Newswire - April 2, 2026 (curated coverage)

- https://nolanewswire.com/2026/04/french-quarter-management-district-launches-commercial-glass-recycling-program/?fbclid=IwY2xjawR4Y9BleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETI4amtuMTltZm9ZYkxobTlac3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHsMrCSJTZlad1Q44e5j49Yeyiy_ku_LQdxiYedAUfh4tZMmpy8mS4en8idmR_aem_YWdncwA0322VaTrL6tn6tbhTOQeK&brid=YWdncwGYvIhTJGUBU49v1FEg2XQB

WWL-TV — April 1, 2026 (curated coverage)

Proposal to deploy police drone as first responder in French Quarter advances to City Council

- <https://www.wwltv.com/article/news/local/proposal-to-deploy-police-drone-as-first-responder-in-french-quarter-advances-to-city-council/289-9319275f-66ba-45fe-96a3-0aa317e48fc7>
- Broadcast on 5 p.m. newscast.
- Rebroadcast on 4/6 6 p.m. newscast.
- **YouTube:**  Proposal to deploy police drone as first responder in French Quarter advances t...
- [MSN repost](#)

WGNO — April 1, 2026 (curated coverage)

New Orleans police to use drone as first responder for emergency response assistance

- <https://wgno.com/news/louisiana/orleans-parish/nopd-to-use-drone-as-first-responder-for-emergency-response-assistance/>
- Broadcast on 10 p.m. newscast.
- **YouTube:**  NOPD to use drone as first responder for emergency response assistance
- [Facebook](#)

Waste 360 - April 27, 2026 (curated coverage)

- <https://www.waste360.com/waste-recycling/can-french-quarter-bars-start-recycling-their-many-empty-bottles-a-new-program-will-help->

Tulane Hullabaloo — April 26, 2026 (curated coverage)

Glass Half Full expands with new facility, French Quarter partnership

- <https://tulanehullabaloo.com/74941/news/glass-half-full-expands-with-new-facility-french-quarter-partnership/>
- [Instagram](#)

April Media Mentions

The Louisiana Weekly — April 20, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans City Councilmembers approve funding to expand NOPD drone program

- <http://www.louisianaweekly.com/new-orleans-city-councilmembers-approve-funding-to-expand-nopd-drone-program/>

WWL Radio | Newell Normand Show — April 17, 2026 (media mention)

Councilman JP Morrell talks about the "Drone as First Responder" (DFR) program in the French Quarter

- https://www.audacy.com/wwl/podcasts/6a31745ac53f4b5c45558e68c01ea651/episodes/councilman_jp_morrell_talks_ab-8278235

New Orleans CityBusiness — April 17, 2026 (media mention)

French Quarter district approves \$250K drone funding

- <https://neworleanscitybusiness.com/blog/2026/04/17/french-quarter-police-drone-budget-approval/>
- Included in [4/17 CityBusiness newsletter](#)

WWL-TV — April 17, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans City Council approves French Quarter drone response program

- <https://www.wwltv.com/article/news/local/orleans/new-orleans-city-council-approves-french-quarter-drone-response-program/289-8b24de06-5044-4b79-b6ed-15b145d39862>
- [Facebook](#)

WGNO — April 17, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans City Council approves new drone program

- <https://wgno.com/news/louisiana/orleans-parish/new-orleans-city-council-approves-new-drone-program/>

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — April 16, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans police will expand drone program in the French Quarter after council's split vote

- <https://www.nola.com/news/politics/new-orleans-french-quarter-drones/>
- Included in 4/17 NOLA Business Insider newsletter
- [Facebook](#)

FOX 8 — April 16, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans City Council approves \$250K drone program for French Quarter

- <https://www.fox8live.com/2026/04/17/new-orleans-city-council-approves-250k-drone-program-french-quarter/>

WWL Radio — April 16, 2026 (media mention)

"Our sergeants are blind." Kirkpatrick unpacks NOPD's systemic overtime woes; explains that French Quarter drones are for "security rather than surveillance."

- <https://www.audacy.com/wwl/news/local/new-orleans-police-department-2676755050>
- [Facebook](#)

WWL Radio — April 16, 2026 (media mention)

NOPD drone program approved

- <https://www.audacy.com/wwl/news/local/nopd-drone-program-approved>

WWL Radio — April 16, 2026 (media mention)

NOPD drone program goes before city council

- <https://www.audacy.com/wwl/news/local/nopd-drone-program-goes-before-city-council>
- [Facebook](#)

Verite News — April 16, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans City Councilmembers approve funding to expand NOPD drone program

- <https://veritenews.org/2026/04/16/nopd-drone-program-french-quarter/>
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)

New Orleans City Council — April 16, 2026 (media mention)

French Quarter Economic Development District Meeting Summary

- <https://council.nola.gov/news/april-2026/french-quarter-economic-development-district-meeti>

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — April 15, 2026 (media mention)

Letters: Make New Orleans streets safe for people biking and walking

- https://www.nola.com/opinions/letters/letters-new-orleans-bike-safety/article_0d2e7558-b1a5-4b30-b094-578482a5a81e.html

FOX 8 — April 13, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans City Council committee advances IV Waste contract extension

- <https://www.fox8live.com/2026/04/14/city-council-vote-tuesday-extending-iv-wastes-french-quarter-trash-contract/>

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — April 10, 2026 (media mention)

City Hall looks to extend this French Quarter trash hauler's contract. See details.

- https://www.nola.com/news/politics/french-quarter-iv-waste-trash/article_77e437e3-a66b-4acb-ac76-559fbc0d8213.html
- [Facebook](#)

WWL Radio — April 2, 2026 (media mention)

NOPD wants drones to answer calls in Vieux Carré

- <https://www.audacy.com/wwl/news/local/nopd-wants-drones-to-answer-calls-in-vieux-carre>

WWL Radio, Newell Normand Show — April 1, 2026 (media mention)

Hour 2: The French Quarter Management District approved \$250,000 to fund a new NOPD drone!

- https://www.audacy.com/wwl/podcasts/6a31745ac53f4b5c45558e68c01ea651/episodes/hour_2_the_french_quarter_management_district_approved_250000_to_fund_a_new_nopd_drone?utm_campaign=Evergreen&utm_term=20097382301
- [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

Axios New Orleans — April 1, 2026 (media mention)

A.M. Newsletter

- <https://www.axios.com/newsletters/axios-new-orleans-cdaed3f7-472d-406d-af6a-7a55bf59362b.html?>

March

March Curated Coverage

WDSU — March 30, 2026 ([curated coverage](#))

Glass recycling program launches in French Quarter

- <https://www.wdsu.com/article/french-quarter-glass-recycling-program/70888729>
- [Facebook](#)
- [MSN Repost](#)

ALT 92.3 — March 30, 2026 ([curated coverage](#))

Think twice before throwing that daiquiri in the trash: Parts of the French Quarter will now recycle glass

- <https://www.alt923.com/2026/03/30/think-twice-before-throwing-that-daiquiri-in-the-trash-parts-of-the-french-quarter-will-now-recycle-glass/>

Be the People — March 4, 2026 ([curated coverage](#))

Community First: How Michelle Courseault Strengthens the French Quarter

- <https://stories.bethepeople.org/story/view/FyR4x>

March Media Mentions

WWL-TV — March 31, 2026 ([media mention](#))

French Quarter Management Board moves forward on police drones to respond to 911 calls

- <https://www.wwltv.com/article/news/local/french-quarter-management-board-moves-forward-on-police-drones-to-respond-to-911-calls-security-safety-nopd-new-orleans/289-e88bc63c-68dd-4983-8a1c-33eb246e6290>
- **YouTube:**  French Quarter leaders approve funding for police drone program
- [Facebook](#)
- [Yahoo News repost](#)
- [MSN repost](#)

WWL-TV — March 31, 2026 ([media mention](#))

French Quarter leaders approve funding for police drone program

- <https://www.wwltv.com/video/news/local/orleans/french-quarter-leaders-approve-funding-for-police-drone-program/289-27f57edf-8cbb-4ea3-bf4e-5f0b81d0ec0e>

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — March 30, 2026 ([media mention](#))

French Quarter board approves funds for New Orleans police to expand drone program

- https://www.nola.com/news/politics/new-orleans-french-quarter-drone-surveillance-emergency-nopd/article_fbce290d-49a5-4708-905d-646ddb9d6e2.html
- [Facebook](#)
- Included in 3/31 Lunch Line and Business Insider newsletters

- Included in Axios New Orleans 4/1 newsletter

The Times-Picayune | [NOLA.com](https://www.nola.com) — March 29, 2026 ([media mention](#))

Bourbon Street once saw snakes, turtles and an opossum. Where'd they all go?

- https://www.nola.com/news/politics/bourbon-street-new-orleans-snakes/article_cc30dd89-ab13-4408-ad1c-753861479622.html
- [Facebook](#)

WGNO — March 12, 2026 ([media mention](#))

NOPD 'Drones for First Responders' pilot program is one step closer to approval

- <https://wgno.com/news/louisiana/orleans-parish/nopd-drones-for-first-responders-pilot-program-is-one-step-closer-to-approval/>
- [Facebook](#)
-  NOPD 'Drones for First Responders' pilot program is one step closer to approval

Axios New Orleans — March 11, 2026 ([media mention](#))

A.M. Newsletter

- <https://www.axios.com/newsletters/axios-new-orleans-7769848e-6940-4941-9fb7-a83e6cc5d94b.html?stream=top>

The Times-Picayune | [NOLA.com](https://www.nola.com) — March 10, 2026 ([media mention](#))

New Orleans police can arrest people for lying on sidewalks. They're ramping up enforcement.

- https://www.nola.com/news/politics/new-orleans-police-homeless-french-quarter/article_c373b067-c620-4078-b381-09892e2e67f4.html

WWL-TV — March 10, 2026 ([media mention](#))

NOPD drone program expansion moves closer to approval

- <https://www.wwltv.com/article/news/local/orleans/nopd-drone-program-expansion-moves-closer-to-approval/289-c45c9851-e1fc-4227-a51e-666e2513fb9d>
- [Facebook](#)
-  NOPD drone program expansion moves closer to approval

The Times-Picayune | [NOLA.com](https://www.nola.com) — March 9, 2026 ([media mention](#))

Plan to expand drone program moves forward in the French Quarter

- https://www.nola.com/news/politics/drones-police-french-quarter/article_0616fa56-e241-430a-8389-56aefe7a6857.html?utm_source=email&utm_campaign=nolabusinessinsider&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_content=headline#uid=56499ba2b7236f286b324e7a49c90292
- Included in 3/10 NOLA Business Insider newsletter
- [Facebook](#)

The Lens — March 9, 2026 ([media mention](#))

NOPD floats 'Drone as First Responder' model, raising privacy concerns

- <https://thelensnola.org/2026/03/09/nopd-floats-drone-as-first-responder-model-raising-privacy-concerns/?stream=top>
- Included in [3/11 Axios New Orleans newsletter](#)
- [Facebook](#)

February

February Curated Coverage

Glass Half Full — February 4, 2026 (curated coverage)

Hotel bead recycling program

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)

La Galerie French Quarter Hotel — February 4, 2026 (curated coverage)

Hotel bead recycling program

- [Facebook](#)

WGNO Bill Wood — February 9, 2026 (curated coverage)

Royal Sonesta recycles Mardi Gras beads (one of 16 French Quarter hotels) **Bill Wood feature**

- <https://wgno.com/video/royal-sonesta-recycles-mardi-gras-beads-one-of-16-french-quarter-hotels/11503701/>
- **YouTube:**  Royal Sonesta recycles Mardi Gras beads (one of 16 French Quarter hotels)
- [Bill Wood Instagram](#)

ERPR LinkedIn — February 9, 2026 (curated coverage)

WGNO Hotel Bead Recycling Bill Wood Feature

- [LinkedIn](#)

ERPR Facebook — February 10, 2026 (curated coverage)

Royal Sonesta hotel bead recycling program interview

- [Facebook](#)

FOX 8 — February 11, 2026 (curated coverage)

Glass Half Full Bead Recycling Program

- <https://www.fox8live.com/video/2026/02/11/glass-half-full-bead-recycling-program/>
 - Aired on the 9 a.m. newscast

Recycle Dat — February 13, 2026 (curated coverage)

Hotel bead recycling program

- [Instagram](#)

February Media Mentions

[MardiGrasNewOrleans.com](#) - February 10, 2026 (media mention)

Let the Good Times Roll Responsibly! Bead Donation Info

- <https://www.mardigrasneworleans.com/news/let-the-good-times-roll-responsibly-bead-donation-info>

TIME — *February 17, 2026* (media mention)

Biodegradable Beads Are Helping Mardi Gras Go Green

- <https://time.com/7379271/mardi-gras-2026-sustainable-beads/>

January

January Curated Coverage

WGNO (Digital) — January 27, 2026 (curated coverage)

Recycle Mardi Gras beads at these French Quarter hotels

- <https://wgno.com/news/louisiana/orleans-parish/recycle-mardi-gras-beads-at-these-french-quarter-hotels/>

New Orleans CityBusiness — January 28, 2026 (curated coverage)

French Quarter expands Mardi Gras bead recycling

- <https://neworleanscitybusiness.com/blog/2026/01/28/french-quarter-mardi-gras-bead-recycling/>
- Included in [1/28 New Orleans CityBusiness newsletter](#)
- [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)

Biz New Orleans — January 28, 2026 (curated coverage)

FQMD Launches 2026 Bead Recycling Program

- <https://bizneworleans.com/fqmd-launches-2026-bead-recycling-program/>
- Included in 1/28 BizNews newsletter
- [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#)

WDSU — January 30, 2026 (curated coverage)

Mardi Gras Bead recycling initiative aims to protect New Orleans' storm drains.

- <https://www.wdsu.com/article/french-quarter-bead-recycling/70189998>
 - Aired on the 6 p.m. newscast
- **YouTube:**  Mardi Gras bead recycling initiative

January Media Mentions

WWL-TV (Digital) — January 11, 2026 (media mention)

How to recycle Mardi Gras beads during the 2026 Carnival season

- <https://www.wwltv.com/article/entertainment/events/mardi-gras/how-to-recycle-mardi-gras-beads-during-the-2026-carnival-season/289-4c78387a-4608-4b1e-9a2e-0eed515fbc4>

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — January 14, 2026 (media mention)

NOPD wants \$740K to expand controversial drone program: 'Drones on standby 24 hours a day'

- https://www.nola.com/news/politics/new-orleans-police-drone-expansion/article_6011a7ad-7a46-4075-b868-bd2ebd27d539.html
- Included in 1/15 Wake Up NOLA newsletter

WWL Radio — January 15, 2026 (media mention)

Eyes in the sky: NOPD seeks to expand drone surveillance as crime-fighting tool

- <https://www.audacy.com/wwl/news/local/eyes-in-the-sky-nopd-seeks-to-expand-drone-surveillance>

The Times-Picayune | [NOLA.com](https://www.nola.com) — *January 21, 2026* (media mention)

Here's where to recycle Mardi Gras beads and throws in New Orleans on the route and beyond

- https://www.nola.com/entertainment_life/mardi_gras/mardi-gras-throws-bead-recycling/article_9aa22fd4-f2c6-11ef-96f2-97c1be369cb4.html

Axios New Orleans — *January 26, 2026* (media mention)

NOPD seeks \$740K to add more surveillance drones

- <https://www.axios.com/local/new-orleans/2026/01/26/nopd-seeks-740k-to-add-more-surveillance-drones>
- Included in [1/26 Axios New Orleans newsletter](#)